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SUBJECT: SOVIET VISA ISSUANCE PROCEDURES FOR US BUSINESSMEN

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH USDOC/BEWT, USSR TRADE REPRESENTATION OFFICER REPORTED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGES IN VISA ISSUANCE PROCEDURES FOR US BUSINESSMEN AND THAT FTOS COULD TELEX VISA SUPPORT AS IN PAST.

2. ACCORDING TO SOVEMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER, US BUSINESSMEN SHOULD HAVE VISA APPLICATION IN HANDS OF CONSULAR DIVISION QUOTE TEN OR PERHAPS TWELVE DAYS UNQUOTE PRIOR TO PLANNED DAY OF ENTRY INTO USSR.

3. FROM THIS INFORMATION AND BECAUSE WE HAVE IN URGENT CASES ASSISTED FIRMS IN GETTING VISAS WITH PRACTICALLY NO WAITING PERIOD, IT APPEARS SOVIETS CAN IMPLEMENT VISA PROCEDURES WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY AND TIGHTEN OR LOOSEN THEM DEPENDING ON CASE INVOLVED. KISSINGER

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